## DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

## STATE PROPERTIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF

MAY 6, 2014

The meeting of the State Properties Committee was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Chairman Ronald N. Renaud. Chairman Renaud introduced and welcomed Mr. Robert L. Brunelle, one of two newly appointed Public Members of the State Properties Committee. Chairman Renaud also indicated that Ms. Mary Louise Kennedy has been appointed as a Public Member of the Committee; however, Ms. Kennedy, due to prior commitments, will not be able to attend the biweekly meetings until June. Attendance of the members was taken by roll call and the following members made their presence known: Robert K. Griffith representing the Rhode Island Department of Administration; Richard B. Woolley representing the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General; Robert L. Brunelle, Public Member; and Christopher Feisthamel representing the Rhode Island Office of the General Treasurer, Ex-Officio Member. Others in attendance were John Ryan, Namvar Moghadam, and Nicole Coates from the Rhode Island Department of Administration; John Faltus from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management; Colleen Kerr, Christine Brien, Ann Hollands and Robert B. Jackson from the Rhode Island Department of Transportation; Michael Butler from the Federal Highway Administration; and Lt. Robert Cunniff and Major David

Tikoian from the Department of Public Safety/Rhode Island State Police.

On a motion made by Mr. Woolley and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the State Properties Committee meeting held on April 22, 2014.

ITEM A - Department of Environmental Management - A request was made for approval of and signatures on a License Agreement, by and between the Department of Environmental Management and the Greater Westerly Pawcatuck Area Chamber of Commerce for use of portions of Misquamicut State Beach located in the Town of Westerly, on Friday Evening, June 27, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. to midnight for the "Electric Eve Family Fun Run." After a detailed discussion regarding Item A, Mr. Faltus respectfully requested that the Committee approve said request, subject to the applicant providing the Department and the Committee with a Certificate of Insurance evidencing that the required liability insurance coverage has been secured well in On a motion made by Mr. Woolley and advance of the event. seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the above request, subject to a certificate of insurance, any and all required permits, together with the assurance of the Department that all individuals participating in any and all athletic activities will be required to execute a waiver of release of liability form indemnifying and holding the State of Rhode Island harmless with their against liability any associated participation/attendance/involvement in this event.

Under discussion, Chairman Renaud stipulated that going forward all

license agreements for events such as this held on State-owned property shall contain a provision/language requiring the sponsor of said event to provide the Department of Environmental Management/State Properties Committee, within thirty (30) days of the date the event took place, with a written attestation of compliance, stating that all participants, whether electronically or in person, did in fact execute a waiver of release of liability form prior to their participation in the event.

ITEM B - Department of Transportation - A request was made for approval of and signatures on a Bargain and Sale Deed, by and between the Department of Transportation and Chess Properties, Inc. for property located adjacent to 100 Centerville Road in the City of Warwick. After a detailed discussion concerning Item B, on a motion made by Mr. Woolley and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Committee voted to

approve the above request with three (3) votes "Aye" and one (1) "Abstention."

Three (3) Votes "Aye"

Mr. Griffith

Mr. Woolley

**Chairman Renaud** 

## One (1) "Abstention"

## Mr. Brunelle

ITEM C - Department of Transportation - A request was made for approval of and signatures on a License Agreement, by and between the Department of Transportation and D'Ambra Construction Company, Inc. ("D'Ambra") for the use 6,600 square feet of land located near the Admiral Kalbfus Exit Ramp in the City of Newport. After a detailed discussion, which included, but was not limited to questions regarding evidence of liability insurance coverage, the submission of all required disclosure forms and the obligations associated with Licensee's use of the property, on a motion made by Mr. Woolley and seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the above request.

The Committee may move to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Rhode Island General Law 42-46-5(a)(5) for the specific purpose of discussion or consideration related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public relating to the following items:

On a motion made by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Woolley to enter executive session, a roll call vote was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Brunelle voted "Aye," Mr. Griffith voted "Aye," Mr. Woolley voted "Aye" and Chairman Renaud voted "Aye." Said

motion passed unanimously.

After detailed discussions relating to executive session Items E1 and E2 concluded, on a motion made by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Woolley, the Committee voted unanimously to return to the open session of the State Properties Committee meeting and to seal the executive session minutes until such time as said matters are resolved.

Upon returning to open session at 11:05 a.m., the Committee proceeded to

vote relative to Item E2 presented in executive session.

ITEM E1 - Department of Transportation - A request to discuss the current fair market value of three (3) properties located along Succotash Road in the Town of South Kingstown. As Item E1 involved only a discussion concerning the fair market value together with other issues relating to these three (3) properties, no action was taken by the State Properties Committee.

ITEM E2 - Department of Public Safety/ Rhode Island State Police - A request was made for approval to secure a real estate appraisal and initiate negotiations related to the purchase of land located in the Town of Richmond. After a detailed discussion concerning Item E2, on a motion made by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Woolley, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the above request.

There being no further business to come before the State Properties Committee, on a motion made by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Woolley the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the May 6,

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Holly H. Rhodes, Executive Secretary State Properties Committee